

2024 Library Jobline Fast Facts

Library Jobline connects qualified job seekers with open positions in libraries and museums nationwide through tailored search options and a robust network of employer subscribers. In 2024, the number of job postings declined by 20% from 2023, but usage of the site increased, with both more site views and more users added. Accordingly, slightly more new users in 2024 were job seekers (53%) and 47% were employers.

2024 Quick Stats

In 2024 there were

- 1,004 jobs posted
- 329 new users
- 1,365,471 emails sent
- Around 362,972 site views

The Number of Job Postings By State in 2024

The top three states with the most job postings are Colorado with 50% of posts, Rhode Island with 10% of posts, and Massachusetts with 7% of posts.

The full list of states and their number of job postings in 2024 is as follows:

Alabama	1	Minnesota	3	Virginia	4
Alaska	0	Mississippi	0	Washington	47
Arizona	6	Missouri	13	West Virginia	0
Arkansas	3	Montana	4	Wisconsin	10
California	11	Nebraska	21	Wyoming	18
Colorado	507	Nevada	10		
Connecticut	12	New Hampshire	5		
Delaware	0	New Jersey	0		
District of Columbia	3	New Mexico	16		
Florida	5	New York	12		
Georgia	6	North Carolina	20		
Hawaii	0	North Dakota	1		
Idaho	1	Ohio	5		
Illinois	5	Oklahoma	2		
Indiana	6	Oregon	11		
Iowa	3	Pennsylvania	1		
Kansas	14	Rhode Island	100		
Kentucky	4	South Carolina	2		
Louisiana	0	South Dakota	3		
Maine	4	Tennessee	2		
Maryland	5	Texas	18		
Massachusetts	67	Utah	3		
Michigan	5	Vermont	1		

Job Salaries Raise Notably for Positions Requiring an MLS Degree

Average salaries increased for positions posted that required or preferred an MLS degree but decreased slightly for those without this degree requirement. Positions that required an MLS degree saw the largest increase in many years, raising 16% from 2023 on average.

Average hourly salaries:

Year	MLS Required Average Salary	Year	MLS Preferred Average Salary	Year	MLS Not Required Average Salary
2018	\$26.01	2018	\$24.55	2018	\$24.55
2019	\$25.94	2019	\$24.48	2019	\$24.48
2020	\$25.10	2020	\$25.00	2020	\$25.00
2021	\$28.94	2021	\$22.93	2021	\$22.93
2022	\$27.55	2022	\$25.12	2022	\$25.12
2023	\$29.80	2023	\$26.49	2023	\$26.49
2024	\$34.66	2024	\$27.78	2024	\$18.25

Average hourly wages are calculated based on the salary ranges employers report in job posts. Annual salaries are calculated based on an assumption of working 40 hours per week and 52 weeks per year.

Job Seekers Outnumbered Employers in 2024

In 2024, there were 174 new job seekers and 155 new employers.

Degree Requirements

33% of job posts indicated that an MLS degree was required for the position. Slightly more (35%) did not require an MLIS degree. About 18% of job posts did not specify if a degree was required, preferred, or not required.

- Required MLS Degree 33%
- Preferred MLS degree 15%
- Did not require MLS degree 35%
- No data 18%

Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

2023 Graduates

Most 2023 MLS graduates are finding work and the majority are employed in an LIS field after graduation, though slightly less than the previous graduating class.

According to Library Journal's Placements and Salaries Survey 2024, 89% of 2023 MLS graduates are employed full-time. Slightly less than last year (72%) are employed in a LIS institution or in a LIS capacity, and around three out of four survey respondents (74%) expressed satisfaction with their placement. This rate of satisfaction has fluctuated little over the past two years.

Posts by Library Type

- Public 76%
- Academic 17%
- School (K-12) 1%
- Other 6%

64% of job posts for all library types were for full-time positions. Full-time was defined as 30 or more hours per week.

The Number of Jobs Posted and Users Added Over 10 Years

The number of job postings on Library Jobline dropped to a post-pandemic low but still remained above pre-pandemic numbers. New users increased slightly from 2023 but has generally fluctuated little over the past 10 years.

Year	Jobs Posted	Year	Users Added
2015	656	2015	302
2016	674	2016	358
2017	700	2017	285
2018	815	2018	282
2019	783	2019	328
2020	542	2020	382
2021	1,083	2021	373
2022	1,271	2022	307
2023	1,260	2023	277
2024	1,004	2024	329

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